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This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on November 30, 2005. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in this application. Claims 1-44 are pending in the application, of which claims 1-7, 22-38, and 40-44 stand withdrawn from consideration on their merits. Independent claim 8 is amended to clarify that a second information apparatus transmits order data for specifying an image displayed on an image displaying unit, at a time selected by a customer, to a first information apparatus, with respect to images displayed on the image displaying unit of the first information. Further, the second information apparatus prepares order indication information for specifically indicating contents of an order, including at least the number of goods relating to the specified displayed image and a method of receiving the goods. Finally, claim 8 is also amended to recite the first requirement of claim 9, that the order data includes order indication information and ordered identification information for specifically indicating contents of the order. Claims depending from claim 8 are amended in order to obviate the formal rejections stated by the Examiner. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration of claims 8-21 and 39 in their current form is earnestly solicited.

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Claims 8-21 and 39 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC § 112 as failing to define the invention properly. The issues raised by the Examiner in this connection have been addressed by amending the claims. It is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form satisfy the requirements of the statute.

Claims 8-21 and 39 in their previous form were rejected over US 5,666,215 to Fredlund et al. ("Fredlund"). Specifically, claims 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, and 19 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b)

as being anticipated by Fredlund. Claims 9, 14, 17, 18, and 20 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fredlund. Claim 21 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fredlund in view of US 6,366,359 B1 to Garland (“Garland”). Claim 39 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fredlund in view of “Official Notice”. Applicant respectfully submits that none of these rejections is applicable to any of claims 8-21 and 39 in its current form.

Fredlund specifies receiving image data (image files) e.g. obtained from a film image at a laboratory, displaying an image reproduced from the obtained image data on a monitor of a customer’s personal computer or on a display of a bidirectional television, and placing a print order of photographs selected from the displayed images or image data on the monitor or the display. Thus, in the Fredlund technology, an order indication information, including a number of goods such as prints, a method of receiving the goods, and the like, for making a specific order is input interactively on a monitor of a personal computer as a first information apparatus or on a display of a bi-directional TV.

In contrast, the present invention specifies a second information apparatus such as a camera or a PDA with a wireless communication ability preparing an order data including the above-mentioned order indication information *along with preliminarily-stored orderer identification information* and transmitting the order data from the second information apparatus to the first information apparatus by wireless communication.

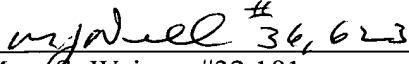
In the present invention, images to be displayed on an image displaying unit of the first information apparatus such as a TV or a screen are successively displayed images, specifically, images displayed in real time, e.g., video movies. Hence it is essential that a customer selects an image from those successively displayed images at his or her option. That is, one displayed image is


specified at a time selected by the customer. In this regard, the Examiner cites the Garland reference, which discloses a digital television incorporating a video printer. However, the video printer is incorporated in the digital television and may not prepare order indication information with no need to transmit order data, including the order indication information, by wireless communication. A home-use video printer like the one incorporated in a digital television has problems with resolution, image quality, and print sizes, as pointed out in the "Description of the Related Art" section of the specification. Clearly, therefore, the combination of Garland's technology with Fredlund's technology still does not provide all of the features of the present invention.

In summary, the prior art of record fails to teach such important features of Applicant's invention as order data including orderer identification information and timing selected by the customer. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-21 and 39 currently before the Examiner are free of the prior art and should be allowed.

If there are any issues to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

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